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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJECT: FUEL SUPPLIES TO GECAMINES

1. DURING CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON WITH DEPTOFF, GECAMINES DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA REFERRED TO ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAZARA RAILWAY OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO UMBA, GECAMINES HAS PLACED ORDERS WITH EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS FOR COAL AND COKE, FOR DELIVERY BEGINNING NEXT MONTH TO DAR ES SALAAM. DISCUSSIONS WITH TAZARA OFFICIALS CONCERNS REGULAR ALLOTMENT OF SHIPPING CAPACITY BETWEEN DAR ES SALAAM AND KAPIRI MPOSHI POSSIBLY AS HIGH AS 10,000 TONS PER MONTH INBOUND TO BEGIN WITH.

2. UMBA HOPES TO UTILIZE THIS CAPACITY TO STOCKPILE FUEL SUPPLIES IN ANTICIPATION OF COMPLETE RUPTURE OF SOUTHERN ROUTE THROUGH ZAMBIA AND RHODESIA.

3. CONSUMMATION OF THIS ARRANGEMENT COULD SIGNIFICANTLY
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ALTER CONTINGENCY NEEDS OF ZAIRE IN EVENT OF RUPTURE

OF ZAMBIAN-RHODESIAN RAIL LINE. ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEE
POSTS CAN OBTAIN WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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